



June 15, 2006

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Via Certified Mail: Receipt No. 7002 2030 0006 8224 0758

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Re: Demand for Reimbursement of Past Costs Expended at the Lower Passaic River Study Area in Essex, Hudson, Bergen and Passaic Counties, New Jersey ("Demand Letter") and Diamond Alkali Superfund Site Notice of Potential Liability for Response Actions in the Lower Passaic River Study Area, New Jersey ("General Notice Letter")

Dear Ms. Reddy:

I am responding on behalf of Legacy Site Services LLC as agent for Arkema Inc. ("LSS") to the June 2, 2006 Demand Letter referenced above relating to the Lower Passaic River Study Area ("LPRSA"). A previous response to the December 8, 2005 General Notice Letter referenced above was provided by Arkema Inc. on February 15, 2006.

LSS understands that EPA previously entered into Settlement Agreement "In the Matter of the Lower Passaic River Study Area Portion of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site Agreement Under Section 122(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9622 U.S. EPA Region 2; Site-Spill ID Number 02-96 CERCLA DOCKET No. 02-2004-2011", effective June 22, 2004, with forty-three (43) companies (the "Settling Parties"), as well as Amendment No. 1 thereto, made effective as of November 9, 2005.

LSS has reviewed a copy of the Settlement Agreement and Amendment No. 1 thereto, and is familiar with the terms and conditions in those documents. As requested by EPA and without any admission of liability for the referenced matter, LSS hereby states that Arkema Inc. intends to become a "cooperating party" by participating in the Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group with the expectation that Arkema Inc. will be permitted to become a Settling Party under the Settlement Agreement, as amended, subject to the same terms and conditions and afforded the same protections as that previously provided in the Settlement Agreement, as amended.

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LSS assumes that this statement of intent, made in reliance upon the above expectation, satisfies EPA's requests in the Demand Letter and General Notice Letter that Arkema Inc. become a cooperating party at the LPRSA.

Please address all future correspondence in this matter to Paula Martin, Of Counsel, Legacy Site Services LLC as agent for Arkema Inc., 468 Thomas Jones Way, Suite 150
Exton, Pennsylvania 19341-2528.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Charter II", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard L. Charter II, President